

State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Hilton Garden Inn, Glen Allen, Virginia
May 12, 2006
1:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Randy P. Abernathy Reverend Coan Agee Byron F. Andrews, III Edward B. Bish, Jr. Earl N. Carter, Jr. Jennie L. Collins Gary P. Critzer Robert V. Crowder, III Gary A. Dalton Chip Decker Kevin L. Dillard James R. Dudley, M.D. May H. Fox Theresa E. Guins, M.D. Catherine Hudgins Rao R. Ivatury, M.D. Linda G. Johnson Elizabeth J. Martin Kimberly J. Mitchell, M.D. Dr. Lori Moore Morris Reece Linda Sayles Donald E. Taylor Karen D. Wagner Kent Weber	Sherrin C. Alsop Carl F. Wentzel, III, M.D. Douglas R. Young (Excused)	Gary R. Brown Scott Winston Carol Gilbert, M.D. Ken Crumpler Michael D. Berg Petra Connell Terry Coy Winnie Pennington Karen Owens Paul Sharpe Chad L. Blosser Warren Short Greg Neiman Jim Nogle Rohn Brown Irene Hamilton	Robin Kurz Bruce W. Edwards Bryan S. McRay Rick McClure Matt Dix Andrew D. Snead Kim Allan Virginia Powell Heidi M. Hooker Lisa Clapp Jim Chandler Rob Logan Jon R. Donnelly Connie R. Purvis Mary Kathryn D. Allen Wnada Legge Melinda Duncan Wayne Peer David Hoback Bill Bullock Pokey Harris Seth Mowles Criag Bryant Ed Rhodes Christy King David E. Cullen, Jr. Paul Bishop

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Call to Order – Karen Wagner	Chair, Karen Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM	
Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the February 10, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections.	Corrections: Bob Crowder should be marked as an Excused Absence. On Page 3 of the Minutes, under

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Approval of the Meeting Agenda Moment of Silence	<p>The proposed Agenda for the meeting was approved.</p> <p>Randy Abernathy asked the Board to take a moment of silence in recognition of the recent deaths of five Virginia police officers who died in the line of duty in a period of eight days.</p>	<p>Discussion – the minutes should reflect that Randy Abernathy attended the General Assembly as a representative, not as a lobbyist for VAGEMSA.</p>
Chairman’s Report – Karen Wagner	Ms. Wagner, Mr. Abernathy and Ms. Collins met with Dr. Stroube, the State Health Commissioner, and Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz, the Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response, regarding the mission of the State EMS Advisory Board.	
1st Vice Chair Report – Randy Abernathy	No report.	
2nd Vice chair Report – Jennie Collins	No report.	
State EMS Medical Director’s Report – Carol Gilbert, M.D.	<p>Dr. Gilbert has been working with members of the Medical Direction Committee and some members of the EMS Advisory Board on the Scope of Practice and how it will affect the levels of care in Virginia. The committee met on May 11 and will meet one more time before the next Medical Direction Committee. A report will be made at the next meeting of the Medical Direction Committee.</p> <p>This same work group has also been reviewing the role of the Medical Director and should have a report on that project at the next Medical Direction Committee meeting, as well. That report will then be forwarded to the Advisory Board.</p>	
Office of EMS Reports - Gary Brown, Scott Winston and Other OEMS Staff	<p>Office of EMS Personnel Updates- Heather Phillips has accepted the position of Program Representative Supervisor replacing Melissa Doak. Mr. Brown also gave updates on several new and pending positions in the Office of EMS.</p> <p>The Office of EMS is continuing to meet quarterly with the Department of Fire Programs. In collaboration with the Department of Fire Programs, the Office of EMS will operate a bookstore at the Department of Fire Programs. There is a pending wage position that has been established to operate the bookstore.</p> <p>The Emergency Medical Services for Children program will migrate to the Office of EMS by March 1, 2007. Petra Connell, the EMSC Coordinator, is resigning from the position; however, she has agreed to contract with OEMS to help with EMSC tasks and responsibilities. By March 1, 2007, the Office of EMS will establish a full-time FTE within our office for the EMSC Coordinator.</p> <p>FY’07 Budget- Mr. Brown reported that half of the \$3.45 million dollars Four-for-Life funding that was expected to be</p>	

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	<p>transferred back from the General Fund to OEMS will still be transferred to the General Fund in FY07. OEMS does have assurances that all of the funds will revert back to the Office of EMS in FY08. The Budget Bill language does also call for the new percentages of the distribution of Four-for-Life to go into effect in FY08, as well.</p> <p>Four Budget Amendments are pending; and they all call for studies that relate to Trauma Centers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources should identify and examine potential funding sources on the federal, state and local levels that may be available to Virginia's Trauma Centers. 2. VDH should study the use of newly appropriated funds that have been approved for Virginia's Trauma System. 3. There is another study that duplicates the VDH study of appropriated funds for Virginia's Trauma System. 4. JLARC will provide a follow up study on the use of Finance and Trauma Centers with possible potential involvement of VDH. <p>Mr. Brown reported that there are some proposed general fund appropriations of a little over \$7 million dollars of the first year of the biennium and a little over \$8 million dollars of the second year of the biennium of General Fund monies scheduled to come to the Virginia Trauma Fund. These monies will be placed in the Trauma Center Fund, which already has revenue sources of DUI related offenses and the reinstatement of revoked drivers' licenses.</p> <p>National EMS Memorial Service- The National EMS Memorial Service is scheduled for May 27, 2006.</p> <p>EMS Advisory Board Town Forums- The EMS Advisory Board Town Forums are on going. The first town forum was held on March 30 in South Hill, Virginia, and had over 70 people in attendance. On May 24, 2006 there will be two town forums held in Manassas. A town forum is scheduled in the Bristol-Abingdon area in August; and one has also been scheduled in conjunction with the Symposium in Norfolk on November 8, 2006. More forums will also be scheduled in 2007.</p> <p>Mr. Brown announced that the Regional Council Award programs are beginning, and he encouraged meeting attendees to attend and support their regional EMS Council.</p> <p>2006 EMS Symposium- Mr. Brown said that the 2006 EMS Symposium program is near completion and probably will be one of the strongest program contents in the state or throughout the United States. The guest speaker for the 2006 Symposium is Randy Mantooth, the actor who played Johnny Gage on the hit series <i>Emergency</i>. Mr. Brown talked about some of the changes in the format for the Symposium this year, including a Casino night and Spirit of Norfolk cruises on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.</p>	

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	<p><i>PPCR Program-</i> The Office of EMS is currently undertaking an initiative to replace the current PPCR program with a web-based PPCR program.</p> <p><i>Department of Emergency Management and Department of Fire Programs Summit-</i> Mr. Brown and Mr. Winston recently attended a summit sponsored jointly by the Department of Emergency Management and Department of Fire Programs. The summit was held at the new State Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Brown reported that the new center is a state-of-the art operation. The Office of EMS has been participating in these summits for a couple years, all of the major public safety stakeholders throughout the Commonwealth were in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p><i>John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health / NHTSA –</i> Mr. Winston reported on a recent meeting at OEMS with a researcher from John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health who is working in collaboration with NHTSA to conduct a census of EMS systems throughout the United States. The census will be studying pre-hospital primary response systems but will not include inter hospital or air medical services. Once this inventory is completed, there will be a technical report issued that will help in developing a topology of EMS systems and formulate a set of definitions that will help to improve and compare EMS systems. The Office of EMS will distribute this survey to select EMS agencies and stakeholders later this summer. Surveys should be returned to the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.</p> <p><i>EMS Strategic Plan-</i> In February, the Advisory Board approved the Strategic Plan. The Office of EMS is now in the process of developing their Operational Plan for FY07. Mr. Winston gave the Board an overview of what the Strategic Plan included and how it is utilized by the Office of EMS. OEMS Program Managers will meet on May 17, 2006 to conduct a facilitated discussion of the Strategic Plan and a prioritization of the strategic initiatives for the purposes of developing the Operational Plan for FY07.</p> <p><i>EMS Workforce Retention Tool Kit-</i> The EMS Workforce Retention Tool Kit contains four workbooks that are designed to help agencies retain EMS personnel. The last of the workbooks and the tool kit is entitled <i>Workforce Utilization Strategies and Applying EMS Retention Principles Focused at Retaining ALS Personnel</i>. The Office of EMS established a project team and subsequent focus group that researched the issues involving retention of the ALS personnel across the Commonwealth. Mr. Winston acknowledged and thanked individuals present who helped with this process. Mr. Winston reported that the project has received nationwide attention through various outlets. <i>EMS Insider</i> has done a couple of stories on the retention project. <i>EMS Magazine</i> also ran an article regarding this project. The Office of EMS has also had requests from three to four states, as well as some ambulance services. Mr. Winston also recognized Rohn Brown from the Office of EMS for his outstanding performance in working with the project.</p>	

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	<i>EMS Week-</i> May 14 through May 20 is EMS Week.	
Special Presentations – Karen Wagner and Gary Brown	<i>Advisory Board Members Rotating Off the Board-</i> The Office of EMS presented the members rotating off the Advisory Board with Commemorative Stamp Certificates containing a First Issue Stamp of an Ambulance in 1860's horse drawn carriage. Board members rotating off the Board included Liz Martin, Chip Decker, Earl Carter, and Kent Weber. In addition the CISM Committee presented Liz Martin, who chaired the CISM Committee, with flowers.	
Office of the Attorney General – Robin Kurz	Ms. Kurz reported that she is currently reviewing several sets of regulations. Ms. Wagner, Chair of the Board, asked that the minutes reflect that in accordance to the Code Section, the Officers of the Advisory Board met and reviewed the Annual Report of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads; and found that report to be in order.	
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	<i>Guidelines for Mass Casualty Events- Marcella F. Fierro, Chief Medical Examiner</i> Dr. Fierro gave a presentation regarding the Medical Examiner's Response to the Mass Casualty Events and to the Pandemic Flu, and distributed two handouts regarding these events. Dr. Fierro's presentation explained the Medical Examiner's jurisdiction, described the responsibilities of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, explained how the OCME works with the many partners who interface with a multiple casualty death event, and talked about some of the OCME's unresolved issues. <i>Virginia State Child Fatality Review Team Review of Caretaker Homicide and Undetermined Child Death? – Virginia Powell, Ph.D. Manager, Mortality Review and Surveillance Projects</i> Dr. Powell distributed two handouts (1) General Information on the State Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT); and (2) A report from the Virginia State Child Fatality Review Team. Dr. Powell discussed the State Child Fatality Review Team and its recommendation to the General Assembly to add EMS workers as mandated reporters for child abuse and neglect. Dr. Powell gave the Board some of the background and research that led the CFRT to make this recommendation. Dr. Powell explained that the data and recommendation are contained in the report that she distributed. Following the presentation by Dr. Powell and discussion, Dr. Guins made the following motion. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Collins asked if Dr. Powell and/or Dr. Guins would be available to attend the August meeting of the Regulation and Policy Committee so that they could have a more thorough discussion of this issue. Dr. Guins indicated that she would attend the meeting and opened the invitation to all the stakeholders regarding the issue to attend the meeting, as well.	MOTION: The EMS for Children Committee requests that the Regulation & Policy Committee undertake the task of reviewing HB 598 which requires EMS personnel to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. Following discussion, the Chair called for the vote. YEAS = 25; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = -0 The motion was carried unanimously.
Committee Reports		
Awards Selection Committee – Karen Wagner	Ms. Wagner announced that the Regional Councils have sent out their Awards packets and all stakeholders were encouraged to participate in the Awards Program at the local level. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled on August 9 at which time they will make selections of the recommendations for the Governor's Awards.	
Communications Committee – Gary Critzer	The committee met earlier in the day. The committee has developed a full slate of programs for the 2006 Symposium. The Communications track will include a Pre-Conference all-day workshop for	

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	<p>development of Emergency Medical Dispatch programs. The committee is continuing its work on the Communications Directory. Mr. Crumpler has been continuing work with the Interoperability Committee and with the STARS Program.</p> <p>At its meeting, the committee approved PSAP Accreditation applications for Chesapeake and Waynesboro Emergency Medical Dispatch Centers. The committee brought forth a motion asking for the Boards approval of this action.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Communications Committee requests that the Advisory Board approve Chesapeake and Waynesboro Virginia PSAPs as OEMS Accredited PSAPs; as approved by the committee on May 12, 2006.</p> <p>Hearing no discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the motion.</p> <p>YEAS = 25; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = -0 The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
CISM Committee – Liz Martin	<p>The committee met on February 8, 2006. The focus of the meeting was discussion of the annual CISM Training scheduled in Virginia Beach, May 31 through June 3.</p> <p>Eight Public Health CISM Trainings were completed. As of April 4, there has been approximately 200 individuals trained in the Public Health arena and some Public Health CISM Teams will be established this summer.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled May 31, 2006 in Virginia Beach during the CISM Conference. At that meeting, the main topic of discussion will be continuing discussion related to development of standardization of CISM Awareness Education Programs as well as CISM Training and Continuing Education guidelines for the future.</p>	
EMS Emergency Management – Edward Bish	<p>The committee last met on March 16, 2006. The committee has completed the update for the Module I and II MCI Training Books, including both the Instructor and Student manuals. The Atlantic EMS Council of Virginia has agreed to share updated material of the West Virginia's MCI II with the Office of EMS. Karen Owens will be distributing this material to the designated representatives. Also, the Atlantic EMS Council and the Office of EMS has developed a working relationship with both North Carolina and New Jersey. They are working with North Carolina regarding the set up of Emergency Response trailers for disasters and for field hospitals. They are working with New Jersey in regards to drafted legislation on Workmen's Compensation Liability for volunteer workers.</p> <p>An EMS Forum will be held in Alexandria, Virginia May 18 from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Masonic Temple. The forum will feature EMS responders from the London bombing, as well as responders from Hurricane Katrina.</p> <p>The committee developed a flow chart for EMAC request that makes it easier for responding agencies. Copies of the flow chart are available upon request.</p>	

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	The next meeting is scheduled on May 18, 2006 at The Place at Innsbrook.	
Emergency Medical Services for Children – Dr. Theresa Guins	<p>The committee met last on April 13, 2006.</p> <p>Dr. Guins recognized all the contributions of Petra Menzel Connell to EMS for Children program over the past 10 years. Ms. Connell will be working only as a consultant in the future.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled on July 13, 2006 at The Place at Innsbrook.</p>	
Finance, Legislation and Planning – Gary Dalton	<p>The committee met earlier in the day. The committee discussed the legislative agenda for the 2007 session of the General Assembly. The committee decided to ask each of the agencies represented on the Board and the committee chairs to submit any items of interest to the committee so that it can be properly reviewed for possible support by the Advisory Board. Items should be submitted by July 15, 2006 to Scott Winston at the Office of EMS.</p> <p>The committee also brought forth a Resolution for action by the Board. The resolution recommends that Governor seek input from the State EMS Advisory Board to determine the most appropriate location within the state government organizational structure for the Office of EMS.</p> <p>There was extensive discussion in regards to this resolution. The majority of the discussion centered on determining the proper chain of command for requesting that the Governor review the relocation of the Office of EMS.</p> <p>Based on discussion, Ms. Wagner asked the committee if they would accept a friendly amendment on the motion, to change where it states “the Governor” that Governor is removed; and replace that word with “State Board of Health.” Also, where it says “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State EMS Advisory Board recommend to the Governor through the State Board of Health that they seek...” The committee accepted that friendly amendment.</p> <p>David Hoback, President of VAGEMSA stated that at the VAGEMSA meeting earlier in the day, VAGEMSA discussed the issue of where the Office of EMS should be positioned within state government. VAGEMSA went on record to support the resolution of the Finance, Legislative and Planning Committee’s resolution.</p> <p>Following extensive discussion, and wording changes, the Chair called for a vote on the “friendly amendment” to the original motion. (Italicized words indicate changes to wording made with the “friendly amendment.”)</p> <p>Mr. Decker made an amendment requesting that the resolution be made into a letter from the Chairman of the Advisory Board to the Board of Health requesting that the Advisory Board be allowed to assist the Governor in any way to make a decision regarding the location of the Office of EMS within the state organizational structure. The Chair called for a second to Mr. Decker’s motion. There was no second; therefore, the amendment died.</p>	<p>MOTION:</p> <p>Resolution of State EMS Advisory Board</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services is currently positioned in the Department of Health under the Secretary of Health and Human Resources; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the primary focus of the Department of Health is one of public health and prevention, where the focus of emergency medical services (EMS) is primarily one of first response and intervention; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the EMS system in the Commonwealth is an integral part of the public safety response system in partnership with law enforcement, <i>and</i> fire services and <i>emergency management</i> on a daily basis; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the members of the State EMS Advisory Board are selected by the Governor of Virginia for their expertise and understanding of the emergency medical services system of the</p>

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	<p>The Chair called for a vote on the original motion as presented by the Finance, Legislation and Planning committee.</p> <p>The next meeting of the committee is scheduled on August 4, 2006.</p>	<p>Commonwealth.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State EMS Advisory Board recommend to the Governor of Virginia <i>through the Board of Health of Virginia</i> that they seek input from the State EMS Advisory Board to determine the most appropriate location in the organizational structure of state government for the Office of EMS to allow it to most effectively fulfill its mission.</p> <p>YEAS = 16; NAYS = 5</p> <p>The “Friendly Amendment” passed as reworded.</p> <p>YEAS= 19; NAYS = 4</p> <p>The motion was carried.</p> <p>Adopted by The State EMS Advisory Board May 12, 2006</p>
<p>Financial Assistance Review Committee – Byron Andrews</p>	<p>Mr. Andrews reported that they have 168 grant applications this grant cycle, totaling \$6.6 million dollars. F.A.R.C. is scheduled to meet on June 8 and June 9 in Richmond area to review the grant applications.</p> <p>F.A.R.C. is assisting the Office of EMS with an emergency grant from Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company who had a fire and lost their building and two ambulances.</p> <p>F.A.R.C. toured the Eastern Shore and it proved very beneficial for the committee. It helped the committee to better understand the issues that the Eastern Shore faces, i.e. long transport times for medical services.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner acknowledged Mr. Andrews for his leadership of the F.A.R.C. committee. Mr. Andrews will be rotating off the EMS Advisory Board at the end of June.</p>	

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Leadership and Management Committee – Kevin Dillard	<p>The committee previously forwarded a recommendation to the Board to consider consolidating the functions of the committee into another committee. The committee has not met; and they are waiting on the decision of the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner clarified that the issue was included in Bylaw recommendations. It will be discussed later in the meeting.</p>	
MEDEVAC Committee – Randy Abernathy	<p>The committee met last on April 13. Robin Kurz from the Office of the Attorney General was in attendance. Ms. Kurz addressed the Certificate of Need issue. The committee is doing work at the subcommittee level to address issues regarding single point dispatching capabilities for air medical services in the Commonwealth. The sub-committee hopes that an OEMS Medevac Committee resource manual will be produced for the benefit of those who utilize those services.</p> <p>Life-EVAC 3 is opening and will be flying shortly through a contract for Riverside Regional Medical Center and will be located at the Middle Peninsulas Airport in West Point. Rob Hamilton, a flight service director and Jonathan Godfrey, who was the nurse on the Life-EVAC air craft that crashed into the Potomac River, gave a presentation regarding how to manage a Post Incident Plan in the event that an agency has an untimely death situation.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled on July 13, 2006.</p>	
Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Kim Mitchell	<p>The committee met on April 13, 2006. The next meeting is scheduled on July 13, 2006.</p> <p>The committee discussed extensively the role of the State Medical Director and revisions of the contract as it is currently written. The information from the committee has been forwarded to Dr. Gilbert. Dr. Gilbert will review the information and report back to the committee at their next meeting.</p> <p>The committee has established a sub-committee of members of the medical Direction Committee to focus further on the potential for Pandemic Influenza.</p> <p>The committee also discussed further refining a statewide protocol/guidelines for Weapons of Mass Destruction/Nerve Agents. The committee recognized the protocols from Virginia Beach and the assistance from the Toxicology staff at the University of Virginia.</p>	
Nominating Committee – Dr. Carl Wenzel	<p>The Nominating Committee has received a nomination for Mr. Wayne Peer from Central Shenandoah EMS Council for a seat on the Financial Assistance and Review Committee. The Nominating Committee reviewed his credentials and everything appears to be in order.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion and hearing none, called for the vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Nominating Committee moves that the Advisory Board accept the nomination of Mr. Wayne Peer to the Financial Assistance and Review Committee.</p> <p>YEAS = 23; NAYS = 0; Abstention</p>

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Professional Development Committee – Dr. James Dudley	<p>The committee met on April 12, 2006.</p> <p>The committee discussed National Registry EMT Testing. There is a new site through the Pearson View Company regarding state testing. The American Heart Association has adopted guidelines that were effective in 2005; however, they have not completed their rollout for training purposes. Therefore the state test is going AHA Neutral until at least January 2007; at which time they will reflect the new guidelines.</p> <p>The committee discussed the BLS Accreditation process. A sub-committee that had been working on that issue voted to self-destruct and the committee accepted that destruction plan. However, recognizing that the issues that led to the formation of the sub-committee had not been resolved, the committee decided to continue reviewing some of the issues.</p> <p>Instructor Institute information is available on the OEMS web site.</p> <p>The committee went on record in support of the concept of continued ALS accreditation but recognized that there were some ongoing concerns, and the committee will continue to be involved in the resolution of those issues.</p>	
Regulation and Policy Committee – Jennie Collins	<p>The committee met on May 11, 2006.</p> <p>The committee resolved several outstanding issues for the regulation revision.</p> <p>The committee is still waiting for a couple of packages from some organizations; and they plan to establish some work sessions to complete those packets in order to stay on the time table of August.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled on August 3, 2006 at which time the committee will review and put into the final format the remainder of the regulation package. The package will be presented to the EMS Advisory Board at its November meeting.</p> <p>There is a meeting scheduled with the Board of Pharmacy on May 15. The Board of Pharmacy is in midst of their regulations updates and will discuss EMS issues.</p>	
Transportation Committee – Don Taylor	<p>The committee has completed all the projects they received that went to Regulation and Policy.</p> <p>The committee is currently working with the F.A.R.C. to complete the inclusion of the Transportation Committee into the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant process. The committee plans to have that as action item in August.</p>	

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Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee - Morris Reece	The committee had no action items. Mr. Reece referred the Board to the OEMS Quarterly Report for information regarding the most recent activities of the committee.	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Dave Cullen	<p>Nine of the Regional Council directors attended the Pandemic Flu conference.</p> <p>The group met on May 11, 2006 and went through the first-run of the FY-07 contracts. There will be some additional meetings taking place.</p> <p>The committee discussed having consistency in the Regional Council web sites.</p> <p>On June 6, 2006 in Charlottesville at the Doubletree Hotel there will be a Forum held with the regions and their representatives.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner explained that the Advisory Board will be conducting a study on the regional councils. The study will provide an evaluation of the role and responsibility of the councils and their overall infrastructure within the An invitation has been extended to the 11 Regional Council Directors, the Regional Council / EMS Advisory Board representative, and the President or their Appointee from each of the Regional Council boards to participate in the forum.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Jim Chandler, Executive Director for the Tidewater EMS Council, announced that the Tidewater EMS Council Board recognized two people connected to the EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>There was a resolution brought forth memorializing the Council’s annual award to recognized excellence in EMS administration as the Bruce W. Edwards Outstanding EMS Administrator’s Award.</p> <p>There was also a resolution brought forth memorializing the Tidewater EMS Council’s Emergency Response Training and Simulation Center as the Kent J. Weber Emergency Response Training and Simulation Center.</p> <p>Ed Rhodes, speaking on behalf of Fire Programs, invited the Board members and audience to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service scheduled on June 3, 2006 at Richmond International Raceway. Three firefighters will be acknowledged at the service. The keynote speakers will be Governor Kaine.</p>	
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Board members received the Bylaws with recommended changes. Ms. Wagner reviewed the proposed changes and then opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Moore asked for clarification as to whether it was mandatory for each Board member to serve on a committee since her position precludes her from meeting that obligation. Ms. Wagner said that it would not be a problem since the actual wording says “expected to serve”....</p> <p>Mr. Abernathy pointed out that under Section B, page 2, Attendance, it indicates that members should “notify the Chair of the Advisory Board or OEMS”; and that this statement should be altered so that the Chair of the Advisory Board would not be expected to take all the calls whenever a Board member could not attend a meeting. The Board agreed to strike “of the Advisory Board” in that statement.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. Wagner stated that the Bylaws would lie on the table until the August meeting; and a vote would be taken at that time. Ms. Wagner said that due to the development of the Strategic Plan and the Operational Plan that the Executive Board will be looking at the Bylaws in order to assure that the committees are structured properly to allow activities that need to be handled through committees are available or if other recommendations need to be made as far as committee structure.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Ms. Moore announced that the National Registry is developing a bridge course from EMT-I to Paramedic that will be on line for six years in order to help those EMT-Is bridge without going through the entire Paramedic course.</p> <p>Mr. Dillard reminded the Board of the National EMS Memorial Service that is held each year in Roanoke, VA. This year they will be recognizing 26 providers that died in the line of duty. One of the providers is from Virginia.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner said that the National EMS Memorial bike ride will be held again. Riders will be riding from Boston to Roanoke for the service. Steve Berry will be participating as a rider.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, August 4, 2006 at The Place at Innsbrook.</p>	